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The information is required to complete the background description in the disclosure by documenting the origination of the particularly named codes or coding systems in both medical, or non-medical settings, and their use.

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In response to this requirement, please provide copies of each publication which any of the applicants authored or co-authored and which describe the disclosed subject matter of methods of coding biological samples, and/or computer programs therefor.

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